Number and proportion of people living below poverty line in Rajasthan 1993-94 and 1999-2000

Years	Rural		Urban		Combined	
	Number (million)	Proportion (%)	Number (million)	Proportion (%)	Number (million)	Proportion (%)
1993-1994	9.5	26.5	3.4	30.5	12.9	27.4
1999-2000	5.5	13.7	2.7	19.9	8.2	15.3

(d) The district-wise estimates on the number of people living below poverty line is not estimated by the Planning Commission.

Project proposals of Maharashtra

2524. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several projects proposed by the State Government of Maharashtra are pending for approval of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for such delay;

(c) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has requested for such approvals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when these projects are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No project proposed by Government of Maharashtra is pending with Planning Commission for approval/ investment clearance.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Launching of Bharat Nirman Yojana

†2525. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the prime reason for the entire Bharat Nirman Yojana being launched by Government;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. one lakh seventy five thousand crores has been earmarked for this scheme;

(c) whether an outline for this scheme has been drawn-up by Government; and

(d) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (d) Bharat Nirman has been conceived as a time-bound business plan to be implemented over a period of 4 years (2005-09) for building rural infrastructure. It has six components *viz.* electrification, roads, drinking water, telephone connectivity, irrigation and housing. Specific targets under each of these components have been set.

The agenda of Bharat Nirman involves both ongoing programmes and upscaling of some of the ongoing programmes like Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidhyutikaran Yojana, Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Indira Awas Yojana and use of Universal Service Obligation Fund for village public telephone. The effort is to impart a sense of urgency to the goals set to make the programme time-bound, transparent and accountable.

The preliminary estimate of expenditure has been assessed as about Rs. 1,76,000 crores. The State Governments have to provide appropriate matching share as per the norms of the various schemes.

Road projects in Rajasthan

2526. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects being handled, presently, by the National Highways Authority of India, in Rajasthan;

(b) whether any targets were fixed for completion of those projects;

(c) if so, whether they have been achieved;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and